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Subject: February 22, 1991 Meeting with Mayors of Granite City,
and Venice, Illinois

From: Brad Bradley, RPM, NL Industries/Taracorp Site YB
To: Cheryl Allen, CRC, NL Site

On February 22, 1991, at 10:00 a.m., I met with Mayor Von
Dee Cruse of Granite City, IL and Mayor Tyrone Echols of
Venice, IL at the Granite City Offices. Mayor John Bellcoff
of Madison, IL was invited but could not attend.

The meeting lasted about 1½ hours, the majority of which
was spent discussing the residential portion of the cleanup
included in U.S. EPA's Record of Decision for the NL Site. Mayor
Dee Cruse expressed the opinion that he agreed with what some
of the NL generators and NL Industries had discussed with him
recently, that rototilling should be employed for residential areas
at the NL Site, as opposed to excavation as specified in the ROD.
He also mentioned that he may want to conduct his own pilot
study in Granite City to assess the effectiveness of rototilling
in the residential areas. I reiterated U.S. EPA's reasons for
selection of the remedy for residential areas in the
ROD, and explained why U.S. EPA rejected rototilling during
recent negotiations with the NL generators and NL Industries.
No resolution was reached.

The remainder of the meeting was spent discussing what
personnel in Granite City and Venice would need to be involved
in the design and implementation of the remedy. Both mayors
stated that they would be glad to cooperate and suggested that
I send them a letter requesting this information.

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